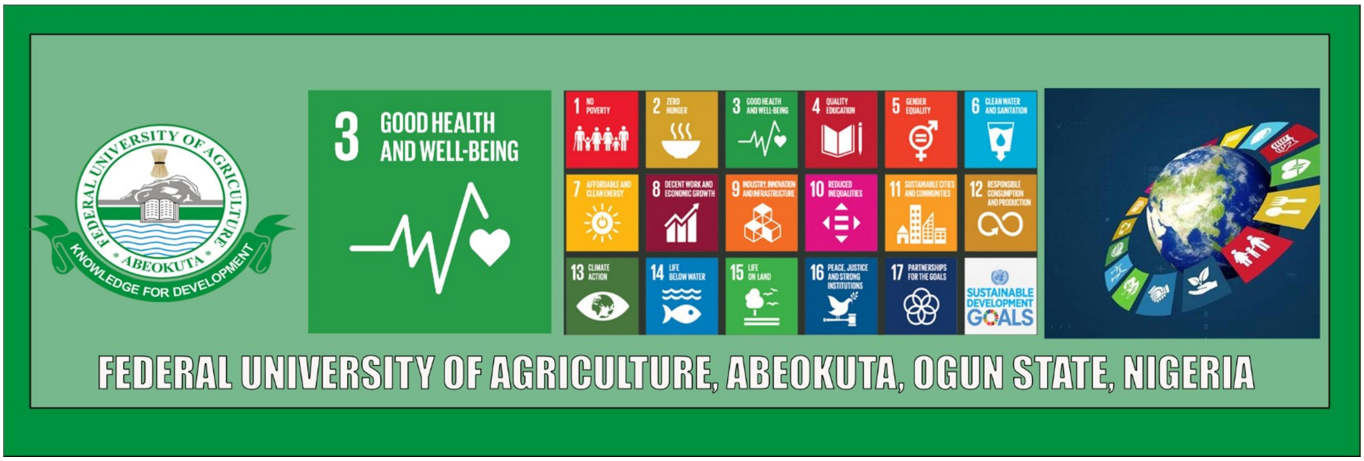










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FUNAAB promotes health and well-being through various initiatives, including public health programmes and sports activities of the University Health Centre and the Directorate of Sports. The College of Veterinary Medicine (COLVET) also contributes by ensuring the health of animals, which in turn supports public health.

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1. Alternative Animal Feed Key to Food Security, Healthier Poultry Products — FUNAAB's DVC, Academic

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… As the University Holds 114th Inaugural Lecture

By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Joy Adeyiga

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Olusegun Mark Obafemi Idowu, has called for increased investment in alternative animal feed resources as a sustainable solution to Nigeria's food security challenges, rising livestock production costs, and the demand for healthier animal products.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, presenting a plaque to honour the 114th Inaugural Lecturer of the University, Prof. Olusegun Idowu

Speaking while delivering the 114th Inaugural Lecture of the University today, July 8, 2026, Prof. Idowu said his decades of research had demonstrated that locally available, non-conventional feed resources could significantly reduce the cost of livestock production while improving animal performance and the nutritional quality of poultry products.

Titled, “Feed to Food: Biological Machines in the Hands of a Monogastric Nutritionist,” the Professor of Monogastric Animal Nutrition explained that his research had successfully established the nutritional and economic value of alternative feed ingredients such as Cassava Root Sievate, Shrimp Waste nd Unpeeled Cassava Root Meal.



Immediate family members of the 114th Inaugural Lecturer led by his wife, Dr. Olubukola Idowu

According to him, the feed materials not only improve feed conversion efficiency but also reduce dependence on conventional feed ingredients that compete directly with human food consumption. Prof. Idowu disclosed that one of the landmark outcomes of his research was the ability to reduce cholesterol levels in poultry products through dietary manipulation.

He explained that incorporating alternative feed resources into poultry diets significantly lowered cholesterol concentrations in eggs, blood plasma and liver tissues, while dietary copper supplementation enhanced cholesterol excretion. He added that the combined use of copper and ascorbic acid effectively reduced cholesterol without causing excessive copper residue in chicken muscles.



UNILAG's Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Chief Wole Olanipekun, SAN, with the Olota of Ota, Oba (Prof.) Adeyemi Abdulkabir Obalanlege (Lanlege Ekun II) and other dignitaries at the Lecture

Prof. Idowu, a member of the Governing Council of the University of Lagos (UNILAG), described animal nutrition as a critical link between feed production and food security, stressing that sustainable feeding strategies enhance livestock productivity, improve animal welfare, promote environmental sustainability and deliver healthier food to consumers.

The Animal Nutrition expert urged governments, researchers, and private-sector stakeholders to invest in the production and processing of alternative feed resources, intensify research into non-conventional feed ingredients and agro-industrial by-products, strengthen collaboration among researchers, farmers, feed manufacturers, and policymakers, and prioritise continuous professional development for animal nutritionists.



A cross-section of the Procession at the Lecture

According to him, adopting innovative feeding strategies would improve the efficiency and competitiveness of Nigeria's livestock industry while making nutritious animal protein more accessible to the growing population.



Students' Union Executives led by the President, Com. Oluwatimileyin Soga at the event

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of FUNAAB, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, described the University's 114th Inaugural Lecture as another milestone in its commitment to advancing scholarship, innovation and research-driven solutions to national

development challenges. He noted that the lecture was the fourth Inaugural Lecture from the Department of Animal Nutrition and the 14th from COLANIM.



FUNIS Students led by their Principal, Mr. Olusola Ilori at Lecture

Presenting the profile of the Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Kehinde described him as a distinguished scholar who obtained all his Academic Degrees from FUNAAB, earning a Bachelor of Agriculture Degree in Animal Nutrition in 1994, a Master's Degree in Monogastric Animal Nutrition in 1999 and a Ph.D. in the same discipline in 2004.



FUNAAB Staff School pupils led by their Headteacher, Mrs. Florence Alade at the event

The Vice-Chancellor said Prof. Idowu joined the University's service as a Graduate Assistant in 1997 and rose through the ranks to become a Professor of Monogastric Animal Nutrition in 2014.

He highlighted the scholar's extensive administrative experience, having served as Acting Head of the Department of Animal Nutrition, Chairman of the University Timetable and Examination Committee (TIMTEC), Director of the FUNAAB Distance Learning Centre, Director of the Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR), and currently as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

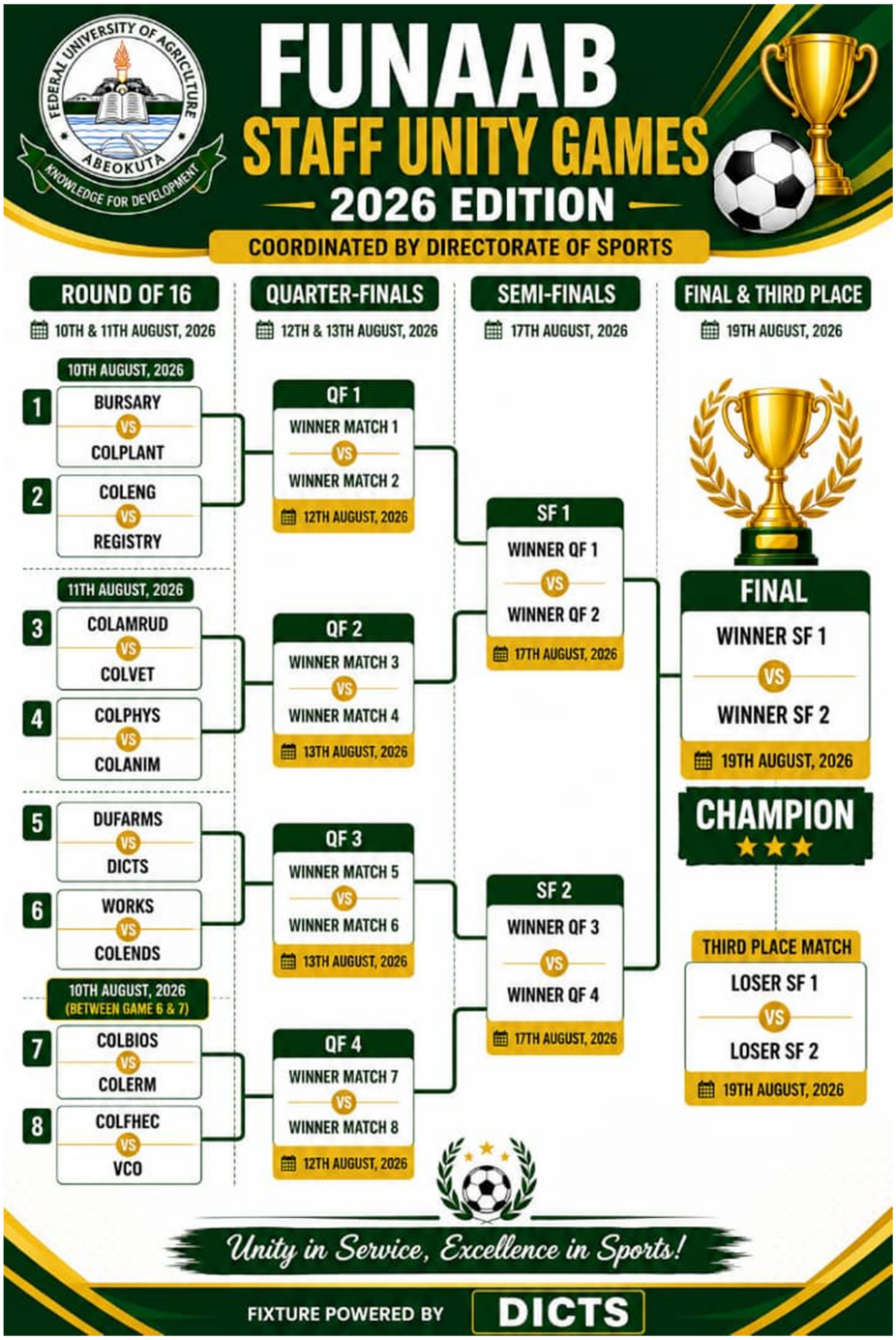


The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde with the 114th Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Olusegun Idowu, including Principal Officers, Deans and Directors, after the Lecture

Prof. Kehinde also noted that Prof. Idowu has published more than 70 journal articles and over 20 conference papers, while attracting several national and international research grants from organisations including TETFund, DelPHE, the EDULINK ACP-EU Cooperation Programme and the West African Network of Organic Agriculture and Research and Training (WANOART).

2. FUNAAB Begins Staff Unity Games on August 10

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), is set to commence its 2026 Staff Unity Games on Monday, August 10, 2026, as part of efforts to promote unity, teamwork, healthy living and staff welfare across the University Community.

The sporting fiesta is expected to feature staff from the University's 11 Colleges, including the Institute of Human Resources Development (INHURD), as well as various

Directorates, Departments and Units. Participants have been grouped into 16 teams to ensure broad participation and equitable representation throughout the competition.

A total of nine sporting events would be held during the Games. They include Football, Table Tennis, Badminton, Lawn Tennis, Chess, Squash, Draught, Ayo and Ludo. Football would be competed for by men only, while Badminton, Lawn Tennis, Chess, Squash and Draught would feature both male and female participants. *Ayo* would also be contested by both men and women, while Ludo is reserved for women only.

GROUPING OF TEAMS

Group 1	COLPLANT
Group 2	COLANIM
Group 3	COLERM
Group 4	COLBIOS
Group 5	COLVET
Group 6	COLPHYS/COLCOMPS
Group 7	COLENDS/FUNIS/ZOO
Group 8	COLFHEC
Group 9	COLENG
Group 10	COLAMRUD
Group 11	**INHURD/IFSERAR/COBFAS/DUFARMS**
Group 12	**VC'S Office (Coordinating Unit)**
	DVC Academic Office
	DVC Development Office
	Academic Planning
	Student Affairs
	AMREC
	DRIP
	Assets & Editorial, Pension
Group 13	**Works & Services (Coordinating Unit)**
	Physical Planning/Sheriff Deputies
	FUNAABOT
Group 14	**Registry (Coordinating Unit)**
	Establishment – Senior and Junior Acad.
	Senate & Admissions
	Exams & Records
	Council Affairs
	Alumni Office
	Environmental Office (Security)
Group 15	**Bursary (Coordinating Unit)**
	Internal Audit
	Micro-Finance
	FUNAAB Integrated Ventures
	Public Relations
Group 16	**ICT (Coordinating Unit)**
	PG School
	Health Centre
	Biotechnology Centre
	Library
	DITTECS
	DEM
	Staff School
	Grants
	SIWES

Each team is expected to register 52 participants comprising 34 men and 18 women across the various events, with Football accounting for the highest number of participants.

The competition would be played on a knockout basis, with fixtures to be determined through balloting. All matches would take place at the FUNAAB Sports Centre.

The participating teams include the University's Colleges, namely COLPLANT, COLANIM, COLERM, COLBIOS, COLVET, COLPHYS/COLCOMPS, COLENDS/FUNIS/ZOO, COLFHEC, COLENG and COLAMRUD, alongside teams comprising INHURD, IFSERAR, COBFAS, DUFARMS, the Vice-Chancellor's Office, the Offices of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Registry, Bursary, ICT, Public Relations, Internal Audit, Library, Health Centre, Staff School, the Postgraduate School and several other Directorates, Departments and Units.

3. FUNAAB Trains Health Workers on Data Protection, Medical Confidentiality

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By Raymond Osemene

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), through the Health Information Management (HIM) Unit of the Directorate of Health Services (DHS), in collaboration with the Royal Statistical Society (RSS), Nigeria Local Group, has trained health workers and other stakeholders on data protection and medical confidentiality.

The maiden One-Day Internal Training Workshop, held today, September 2, 2026, at the Postgraduate School Auditorium, was themed “Strengthening Healthcare Data Protection for Better Patient Health Outcomes: A Shared Responsibility in the University System.” It brought together staff of the DHS, Directorate of Information and Communication Technology Services (DICTS), members of the RSS Nigeria Local Group and other health-related stakeholders.



Declaring the workshop open, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, stressed the need for stronger measures to protect patients' health information, noting that data privacy and confidentiality were essential to building trust and improving healthcare outcomes.

Prof. Kehinde observed that the increasing digital transformation of healthcare had made information one of the sector's most valuable assets, particularly sensitive patient data. He described data protection as a shared responsibility involving healthcare workers, records managers, Academics, researchers, and all personnel who handle health-related information, urging participants to maximise the practical knowledge provided during the training.



In his remarks, the Country Representative, RSS Nigeria Local Group, Prof. Olaniyi Olayiwola, advocated stronger data protection and confidentiality practices across the

University system. He described medical data protection as a collective responsibility across Departments, Colleges and leadership levels, adding that the training was designed to strengthen staff capacity and promote responsible data governance.

The Ag. Director, DHS, Dr. Oluseyi Anjorin, urged health workers to prioritise accurate data management and strict confidentiality in the discharge of their duties. He stressed that reliable health data were critical to planning, decision-making and service delivery, cautioning personnel against unauthorised access to or manipulation of patients' records.



Earlier, the Head, Health Information Management Unit and the Training Organiser, Mr. Muhammod-Rabiu Salihu, said the workshop was organised to promote continuous training and retraining of health professionals in line with global medico-legal principles. He identified disciplinary minimalism, fitness to practise, public protection and social contract as key principles underpinning the training, particularly as the University transitions from manual to electronic medical records.

Delivering the first keynote lecture, "Improving Medical Confidentiality for Better Outcomes: A Shared Responsibility in University System," Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Aro, Abeokuta, Dr. Yesir Adeyemi, emphasised continuous professional development and responsible management of health information. He described confidentiality as both a legal and ethical obligation, noting that while patients had a right to privacy, disclosure could be permitted where legally authorised, with only relevant information released.



The second keynote speaker, Head, IT Operations and Information Security, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, Dr. Yinka Fakunle, represented by the Manager, IT Operations, IITA, Mr. Amakor John, called for stronger cybersecurity and privacy practices in healthcare institutions. He cautioned against careless transmission of medical information through platforms such as WhatsApp and telephone conversations, while urging institutions to identify and secure points where health data are generated, stored, transmitted and accessed.

The workshop equipped participants with practical knowledge on data protection, medical confidentiality, cybersecurity and responsible health information management.

4. VC Commends Athletes, Rewards Winners with Cash Prizes

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… As DICTS Emerges Overall Winner of 2026 Staff Unity Games

By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Femi Dansu

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has concluded the 2026 Staff Unity Games, with the Directorate of Information and Communication Technology Services (DICTS) emerging as the overall winner after securing three gold, two silver and two bronze medals.



The colourful closing ceremony provided an opportunity for members of staff to interact, compete in various sporting and recreational activities, and strengthen bonds of friendship and unity across the University Community. It also reiterated the call for peace, unity and peaceful coexistence among members of the University.



Speaking at the closing ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, commended the Sports Directorate for creating an avenue for staff members to come together in the spirit of peace and unity.



Prof. Kehinde noted that peaceful coexistence requires collective efforts, continuous advocacy and a strong commitment to harmonious working relationships. He acknowledged the contributions of staff, students, sponsors and other stakeholders to the success of the Games.



As part of the recognition of outstanding performances, the Vice-Chancellor announced cash awards to the top three teams. The overall winner received ₦100,000, while the second and third positions received ₦70,000 and ₦50,000, respectively.



In his remarks, the Director, Directorate of Sports and Wellness Centre, Dr. Samuel Olabanji, appreciated the University Management for its support and for providing staff and students with opportunities to participate in activities that promote peace, unity and healthy interaction.



Dr. Olabanji described the Games as a platform for fostering peace, unity and peaceful coexistence within the University Community, stressing the need to embrace unity in diversity and promote an inclusive environment where members can work together irrespective of their differences.



Meanwhile, the College of Veterinary Medicine (COLVET) finished in second position with three gold and seven bronze medals, while the Vice-Chancellor's Office placed third with two gold, two silver and six bronze medals.



The Registry emerged fourth with two gold and two silver medals, followed by DUFARMS in fifth position with one gold, three silver and five bronze medals. The Bursary placed sixth with one gold, two silver and two bronze medals.



The College of Entrepreneurial and Development Studies (COLENDS) occupied the seventh position with one gold, two silver and two bronze medals, while the Directorate of Works and Services finished eighth with one gold and two bronze medals.



The College of Biosciences (COLBIOS) placed ninth with one gold medal, while the College of Engineering (COLENG) secured the tenth position with one silver and one bronze medal. The College of Food Science and Human Ecology (COLFHEC) completed the ranking in 11th position with one silver medal.



In the final football event, the Directorate of Works and Services beat the Registry Team 2 – 0, to pick up the soccer gold medal and Trophy.



A major highlight of the closing ceremony was the novelty match between the University Management and the FUNAAB Falcon Babes, alongside the presentation of medals and prizes to the winners.




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5. FUNAAB, WAF Partner to Promote Staff Health with “See to Be Safe” Screening Programme

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By Femi Dansu

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), in collaboration with the Wellness Africa Foundation (WAF), through its Right to Health & Vision Initiative, is set to commence a free health and vision screening programme for members of staff as part of efforts to promote healthy living, early detection and workplace safety.

Tagged “See to Be Safe”, the programme is scheduled to hold *from Monday, August 31 to Friday, September 5, 2026* , at the NHIA Building, commencing daily at 10:00 a.m. The initiative is targeted particularly at Security Staff, including Sheriff Deputies and Drivers, as well as other members of staff.

According to a memo by the Director, Directorate of Health Services, Dr. Oluseyi Anjorin, the programme is designed to facilitate the early detection of health and vision-related conditions while promoting the overall well-being and safety of staff.

The memo further stated that, to ensure smooth participation and effective service delivery, the first 200 staff members to register each day would be attended to.

Interested staff members are encouraged to commence registration from Friday, August 28, 2026, at the NHIA Desk Office, Directorate of University Health Services.

6. FUNAAB, WAF Commence “See to Be Safe” Screening Programme on Campus

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), in collaboration with the Wellness Africa Foundation (WAF), has commenced a free health and vision screening programme for members of staff under WAF’s Right to Health & Vision Initiative.



Tagged “See to Be Safe”, the programme, which commenced on Monday, August 31, 2026, is holding at the NHIA Building and would run until Friday, September 5, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. daily. The initiative is aimed at promoting healthy living, early detection of health conditions and workplace safety among staff.



The programme is targeted particularly at Security Staff, including Sheriff Deputies and Drivers, as well as other members of the University Community.



Interested staff members are encouraged to register at the NHIA Desk Office, Directorate of University Health Services from 10:00 a.m. today.

7. FUNAAB Researcher Unveils Cost-Effective, Healthier Fish Feed Alternative

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By Femi Dansu

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has recorded another major research breakthrough with the unveiling of an innovative, cost-effective and sustainable fish feed alternative that promises to transform aquaculture production.

The study, presented at the February Monthly Seminar of the Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR), revealed that the partial replacement of conventional fishmeal with probiotic-fortified insect larvae significantly improves fish health while reducing feed costs.

Delivering the presentation, Dr. Nathaniel Bamidele, Programme Coordinator, Aquaculture and Fisheries Research Programme at IFSERAR, explained that the research was designed to tackle one of the most pressing challenges in global aquaculture, the high cost of feed. According to him, feed accounts for between 60 and 70 percent of total production expenses, with fishmeal alone constituting a substantial proportion of feed ingredient costs.

Dr. Bamidele noted that with declining wild fish stocks caused by pollution, climate change and overfishing, aquaculture must meet the protein needs of a rapidly growing global population projected to reach 9 billion by 2050. However, rising feed costs continue to limit the profitability and expansion of fish farming.

To address this, the research investigated the use of Black Soldier Fly Larvae Meal (BSFLM), derived from *Hermetia illucens* , as a sustainable substitute for fishmeal in the diet of *Oreochromis niloticus* (Nile tilapia), one of the world's most widely cultivated freshwater fish species. The insect larvae were reared at FUNAAB, while feeding trials were conducted at the University's Hatchery Unit in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

Director, IFSERAR, Prof. Kazeem Bello with the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Wilfred Alegbeleye and some senior staff members of the Institute after the presentation

Five experimental diets containing approximately 35 per cent crude protein were formulated, replacing fishmeal with BSFLM at graded inclusion levels of 0, 25, 50, 75 and 100 percent. The feeds were pelleted, air-dried and properly stored. To address potential digestive challenges associated with high insect meal inclusion, particularly due to chitin content, probiotics were incorporated to enhance digestion, improve gut structure and promote a balanced intestinal microbiota.

Findings from the study showed that probiotic-fortified BSFLM improved fish carcass quality without adversely affecting blood parameters. Optimal growth performance and feed utilisation

were achieved when 50 per cent of fishmeal was replaced with the fortified insect meal. Importantly, probiotic supplementation helped mitigate intestinal stress linked to moderate insect meal inclusion.

Describing the innovation as both economically viable and environmentally sustainable, Dr. Bamidele stated that probiotic-fortified insect protein could sustainably replace up to 50 percent of fishmeal in Nile tilapia diets without compromising fish health or productivity. He emphasised that the development holds significant potential for reducing production costs and improving profitability for fish farmers.

The researcher recommended further long-term studies to support large-scale commercial adoption of probiotic insect-based aquafeeds.

The seminar was attended by the Director of IFSERAR, Prof. Kazeem Bello; the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Wilfred Alegbeleye; and other distinguished academic staff, including Prof. Victor Olowe and Prof. John Oyedepo, among others.

8. Senator Yayi Constructing 2-Storey Hospital Complex in FUNAAB, Says VC

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… As the 2-Day Train-the-Trainers Workshop on University Ranking Metrics Ends

By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Rasheed Amisu

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has disclosed that the ongoing construction of a two-storey hospital complex within the premises of the University Health Services was donated to the University by the Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the Ogun State All Progressives Congress (APC) Gubernatorial candidate, Senator Solomon Olamilekan Adeola, popularly known as Yayi.



The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Olusegun Idowu, made this known today, August 26, 2026, at the closing ceremony of the Two-Day Train-the-Trainers Workshop on University Ranking Metrics organised by the FUNAAB Ranking Advisory Committee (FURAC).

Prof. Kehinde said the project was being executed on a Build-and-Furnish basis and is expected to be completed and commissioned for use by December 2026.



Earlier, the Director, Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP), Prof. Biodun Badmus, stressed that improving FUNAAB's ranking should not be the responsibility of a single Directorate or Academic Unit. He urged Academic and Non-Teaching Units to collaborate to provide accurate data, document institutional achievements, strengthen research visibility, improve facilities, develop partnerships, and respond promptly to ranking-related requests. He also identified Academic Planners as key liaison officers between Colleges and Departments in facilitating the collection and submission of relevant information.

During the workshop, the Ag. Director, Directorate of Information and Communication Technology Services (DICTS), Mr. Temitope Soretire, presented "Webometrics Ranking: Presence, Visibility, Transparency and Excellence," while the University

Librarian, Prof. Abayomi Owolabi, spoke on “Repositories Ranking: The Size, Scholar, Visibility and Rich Files.”



The Director, World Bank Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE), Prof. Adeboye Fafiolu, presented “International Outlook: Improving the Linkages and Collaborative Drive of FUNAAB,” while Dr. Adekunle Oyelami addressed “Responsible and Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence in Academic Writing and Research.”

Other presentations featured the Bursar, Mr. Olukayode Osinuga, who spoke on “Establishing a Robust Industry Partnership Towards Increasing the Annual Income of FUNAAB”; the Director, Physical Planning, Engr. Kehinde Bamisile, who presented “Provision of Infrastructural Facilities: A Basic Requirement”; and the Alumni Global President, Otunba Bolaji Gbadamosi, represented by the Director, Alumni Ventures, Mr. Biodun Ajayi, spoke on “Alumni Involvement in All Development Phases of FUNAAB.”



The workshop ended with the presentation of certificates to participants, marking the successful completion of the Two-Day Train-the-Trainers Workshop aimed at strengthening collective efforts to improve FUNAAB’s visibility, research impact, and performance in global university rankings.

9. COLBIOS Dean's Cup Ends in Thriller as BCH Emerges Champion

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The 2026 edition of the College of Biosciences (COLBIOS) Dean's Cup delivered an unforgettable spectacle of passion, rivalry, and sporting excellence as the Department of Biochemistry (BCH) emerged as champions after a dramatic penalty shootout victory over Pure and Applied Botany (PAB).

With the slogan, "COLBIOS Excellentia," echoing across the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, the tournament once again reinforced the College's growing reputation for excellence not only in academics, but also in sports and student engagement.



The competition brought together four formidable Departments within the College: Pure and Applied Zoology (PAZ), Pure and Applied Botany (PAB), Biochemistry (BCH), and Microbiology (MCB), in a football fiesta that kept students and staff on the edge of their seats.

May 6, 2026, would undoubtedly remain a historic date in the sporting annals of COLBIOS. The day opened with an intense third-place encounter between Microbiology (MCB) and Pure and Applied Zoology (PAZ). In a fiercely contested battle, PAZ displayed resilience and tactical superiority to secure a hard-fought 1–0 victory, emphatically sealing Third Place.
However, it was the grand finale between PAB, regarded as the custodian of the current Deanship and BCH, home of the Deputy Dean and Immediate Past Dean, that truly captivated the College community.



The atmosphere at the venue was electric as students, supporters, and members of the College Academic Board thronged the pitchside in anticipation of a classic showdown. Among the dignitaries in attendance were the Dean of COLBIOS, Prof. Iyabode Kehinde; the Deputy Dean, Prof. Regina Ugbaja; the Director of the Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), Prof. Oluwatoyin Afolabi; Heads of Department; and several distinguished Academic staff members.

Both teams lived up to expectations, displaying skill, determination, and tactical discipline throughout regulation time. Yet, after 90 pulsating minutes, neither side could break the deadlock, forcing the encounter into a nerve-racking penalty shootout. Tension gripped the field as supporters watched anxiously with hopes hanging in the balance. In the decisive moment, BCH, under the leadership of its Head of Department, Dr. Adio Akamo, held their nerve to triumph 5–4 on penalties, sparking wild celebrations among players and supporters alike.



The victory sent BCH fans into jubilation as the Department proudly lifted the coveted Dean's Cup trophy amid cheers and applause from the College community.

Beyond the fierce competition, the tournament stood out as a celebration of unity, sportsmanship, and collective excellence within COLBIOS. The event demonstrated the College's commitment to nurturing well-rounded students capable of excelling both academically and socially.

In her remarks, the Dean of the College reaffirmed the College's commitment to sports development, pledging continued investment in sporting facilities and equipment to further strengthen COLBIOS participation in future competitions.



Special commendations were also extended to Dr. Wasiu Abibu, COLBIOS University Sports Representative, and Mr. Oduroye Daniel, the College Students' Sports Secretary, for their dedication, coordination, and outstanding efforts in ensuring the success of the tournament.

Indeed, the 2026 COLBIOS Dean's Cup was more than just football, it was a powerful expression of the spirit of COLBIOS Excellentia.

10. FUNAAB Staff Football Team Celebrates 13th Anniversary with Novelty Match, Festivities

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By Patrick Erinoso

The Staff Football Team of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), on December 18, 2025, marked its 13th anniversary, with a colourful celebration that underscored unity, sportsmanship, and camaraderie among staff members.

The celebration featured a novelty football match played at the Sports Centre, which attracted staff, friends and supporters in an atmosphere filled with excitement and goodwill.

In line with the University's identity, the team was divided into two sides which were the Tractor Team and the Planter Team, for the encounter.



The Tractor Team took an early lead in the first half through a well-taken goal by Nurudeen Sakariyau, drawing loud cheers from spectators. The Planter Team, however, responded with resilience and determination, equalising through a calmly converted penalty by Kunle Ariyibi following a foul in the box.

The match ended in a 1–1 draw, a result that reflected the friendly and balanced nature of the encounter. Despite the competitive display, the game was played in good spirit, with both teams exhibiting teamwork, mutual respect and exemplary sportsmanship.

Speaking at the event, one of the team coordinators, Mr. Victor Opakunle, expressed appreciation to the players, organisers and supporters for their sustained commitment, noting that sports and recreation play a vital role in promoting unity, wellness and cordial relationships among staff.

Earlier in his remarks, the Director of Sports, Dr. Samuel Olabanji, commended the Team for keeping the University's flag flying, urging members to remain good ambassadors of FUNAAB wherever they go.

The 13th anniversary celebration not only highlighted the recreational life of the FUNAAB community but also provided an opportunity to recognise the collective efforts that have sustained the Staff Football Team over the years, reinforcing the enduring spirit of togetherness within the University.

11. VC Hails Spirit, Celebrates Participants at 2026 Global Convention Marathon Race

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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has commended participants, organisers, and members of the Alumni Association for the successful hosting of the 2026 Global Convention Marathon Race.



Speaking at the end of the race, the Vice-Chancellor expressed appreciation to the Global President of the Alumni Association, Otunba Bolaji Gbadamosi and other members of the executive for their painstaking efforts in organising the event. He described the marathon as a commendable initiative that fostered unity, wellness, and a strong sense of community among members of the University.

Prof. Kehinde also lauded the students for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship, noting that their participation reflected the enduring bond between students and alumni, as well as their role as worthy ambassadors of the University.



The Vice-Chancellor further appreciated the Alumni Association for its decision to reward all participants, emphasising that sportsmanship goes beyond winning to include active participation. He encouraged members of the University Community to embrace physical fitness and sporting activities, assuring that the University would continue to support sports development through its Directorate of Sports.

In his remarks, the Global President appreciated all the participants and organisers for their contributions to the success of the marathon race.



Similarly, the Chairman of the Global Convention Organising Committee, Dr. Oludare Adekoyeni, stated that rewarding all participants underscored the inclusive spirit of the Global Convention, noting that every runner played a vital role in the success of the event. He highlighted that the marathon race was one of the key activities designed to

promote networking, wellness, and stronger ties among alumni, students, and stakeholders of the University.

12. Don Calls for Bold Strategies to Combat Parasitic Diseases in Nigeria

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… As FUNAAB Holds 113th Inaugural Lecture

By Femi Dansu

A distinguished expert in Public Health Parasitology and Epidemiology at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Sam Olufemi Sam-Wobo, has called for bold, innovative, and compassionate strategies to combat parasitic diseases in Nigeria and worldwide.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde presenting a plaque to honour the University's 113th Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Sam Olufemi Sam-Wobo during the ceremony

Delivering the University's 113th Inaugural Lecture titled "As the Heart Thinks, So It Is: The Story of Parasites" today, April 22, 2026, at the Prof. Oluwafemi Balogun Ceremonial Building, the scholar described parasitic infections as a major yet often overlooked public health challenge shaped by socio-economic, cultural, and environmental factors.

Drawing from decades of research and community-based engagement, Prof. Sam-Wobo stressed that addressing parasitic and vector-borne diseases requires more than laboratory breakthroughs. He advocated people-centred, context-specific interventions capable of delivering sustainable impact, noting that his work and collaborations have combined clinical research, ecological studies, and socio-behavioural insights, particularly within Southwestern Nigeria.



Immediate family members of the 113th Inaugural Lecturer

He characterised parasites as both “ancient enemies” and reflections of human vulnerability, arguing that their eradication demands confronting not only biological threats but also systemic inequalities and behavioural barriers. According to him, transformative thinking remains central to progress, emphasising that mindset and innovation are critical drivers of public health advancement.

To reduce the burden of parasitic diseases, the 113th Inaugural Lecturer of the University called for stronger thought leadership in public health and the adoption of innovative approaches that challenge conventional limitations. He noted the need for compassion-driven health systems that prioritise vulnerable populations and ensure that research outcomes translate into practical, long-term solutions.



Dignitaries at the ceremony

Prof. Sam-Wobo, also the President of the Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria (PPSN), further advocated robust interdisciplinary collaboration among scientists, policymakers, and community stakeholders to develop scalable and inclusive interventions. He also highlighted the importance of supporting early-career researchers and grassroots practitioners in bridging the gap between scientific discovery and real-world application.

On policy, he urged increased national and global commitment to equitable access to diagnostics, treatment, and preventive tools for neglected tropical diseases, stressing that no community should continue to suffer preventable infections due to inadequate resources or attention.



Members of the Procession at the 113th Inaugural Lecture of the University

Prof. Sam-Wobo, also the Director of the Zoo Park, emphasised the importance of partnerships involving academia, government, Non-Governmental Organisations, and the private sector in achieving sustainable public health outcomes. He encouraged community-driven initiatives that promote local ownership and long-term success in disease control efforts.

In conclusion, he called for deliberate action to match the vision, advocating for expanded field interventions, strengthened monitoring systems, and improved implementation strategies. Citing former Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Halfdan Mahler, he reiterated that “health is not a gift; it must be fought for,” expressing optimism that global collaboration and translational science can significantly reduce the burden of neglected diseases.



Prof. Sam Olufemi Sam-Wobo, while delivering the University's 113th Inaugural Lecturer

Earlier in his Introductory Remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, described the lecture as a landmark academic event and the second Inaugural Lecture from the Department of Pure and Applied Zoology. He commended Prof. Sam-Wobo's distinguished career trajectory from Graduate Assistant to Professor, as well as his contributions to research, teaching, and community service.

The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted the Lecturer's international engagements, including collaborations with the WHO and participation in major health initiatives across Africa. He noted his success in attracting research grants, mentoring postgraduate students, and contributing to policy development on neglected tropical diseases, describing him as a scholar whose work reflects both academic excellence and societal relevance.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde with the University's 113th Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Sam Olufemi Sam-Wobo, including Principal Officers and Deans, as well as Directors, after the ceremony

13. VC Charges Participating Teams to Uphold Fair Play

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… As FUNAAB Kicks Off 2026 Intercollegiate Sports, VC's Cup Competition

By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Tayo Onayemi

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has charged student footballers to uphold the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship as the University officially flagged off the 2026 Intercollegiate Sports/Vice-Chancellor's Cup Competition.



Declaring the tournament open today, April 1, 2026, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed all participating teams, including staff and students, while commending their enthusiasm and commitment to the annual sporting event. He stressed the importance of combining academic excellence with physical well-being, noting that “a healthy mind resides in a healthy body.”



Prof. Kehinde encouraged students to actively participate in sports, describing such engagements as essential for fostering teamwork, improving physical fitness, and enhancing interpersonal relationships. While applauding their academic strides, he reminded them that sporting activities remain a vital complement to their overall educational development.



He specifically urged them to play with caution, avoid aggression, and demonstrate mutual respect on the field, stressing that fair play must remain the hallmark of the competition. He concluded by wishing all players a successful outing and expressed optimism that the tournament would be both rewarding and memorable.



The opening ceremony was attended by key University officials, including the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu and the Dean, College of Biosciences (COLBIOS), Prof. Iyabode Kehinde, among other dignitaries, reflecting the University's strong commitment to sports development and student engagement.



Following the ceremony, the men's football competition commenced with a series of thrilling and closely contested encounters, as the College of Biosciences (COLBIOS) edged the College of Entrepreneurial and Development Studies (COLENDS) 1–0, the College of Physical Sciences (COLPHYS) secured a narrow 1–0 victory over the College of Plant Science and Crop Production (COLPLANT), the College of Engineering (COLENG) defeated the College of Animal Science and Livestock Production (COLANIM) 1–0, while the College of Computing Sciences (COLCOMPS) also recorded a slim 1–0 win against the College of Veterinary Medicine (COLVET), setting an exciting tone for the tournament.

The matches were keenly contested, showcasing discipline, resilience, and competitive spirit among the teams. The opening day set a positive tone for the tournament, highlighting unity, sportsmanship, and emerging talent across participating Colleges.

More fixtures and updates are expected as the competition progresses.

14. FUNAAB Partners Rotary to Equip FUNIS Girls, Others with Menstrual Health Knowledge

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Abeokuta Prestige, has taken a significant step towards addressing menstrual health awareness among young girls through the second phase of the Red Safe Project.

The event, held today, March 13, 2026, at the FUNAAB International School (FUNIS), was designed to empower schoolgirls in Odeda Local Government Area with the knowledge, confidence, and resources needed to manage menstruation with dignity.



Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, the President of the Rotary Club of Abeokuta Prestige, Rtn. Adedayo Ayegbokiki explained that the project was deliberately extended to schools within the Odeda Local Government Area to reach girls in underserved communities. According to him, the theme of the programme, "Empowering Girls with Knowledge and Confidence to Manage Periods Effectively," was carefully chosen to address the silence and misconceptions often associated with adolescent reproductive health.



He noted that limited access to accurate information, societal stigma, and inadequate sanitary materials frequently contribute to school absenteeism and reduced self-confidence among female students.

Rtn. Ayegbokiki stated that the project was designed to tackle these challenges by combining education with practical support, stressing that no girl's education should be disrupted by a natural biological process. He explained that the reusable pads were hygienic, environmentally

friendly, and cost-effective, noting that they had been tested and approved by relevant State agencies to ensure their safety and quality.

The programme featured expert-led sessions facilitated by specialists from the University's Agricultural Media Resources and Extension Centre (AMREC). In the first presentation, Dr. Oluwatosin Adeyeye delivered a session on menstrual hygiene management, educating the students on the importance of planning for their menstrual cycles by ensuring access to sanitary pads and maintaining proper personal hygiene.



Similarly, Mrs. Rukayat Abdulsallam addressed issues relating to self-esteem and body confidence, encouraging the students to value themselves based on their character and abilities rather than unrealistic standards often portrayed on social media. She reminded them that being a girl is a source of strength and encouraged the development of positive self-esteem and supportive friendships.

In another session, Dr. Olubukola Idowu spoke on personal safety and boundaries. She also guided the students on tracking their menstrual cycles, proper disposal of sanitary materials, and the importance of hand hygiene, while encouraging them to remain confident and resilient.



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A major highlight of the event was the distribution of reusable sanitary pads to 200 senior secondary school girls drawn from four schools: FUNIS, Muslim High School, Isolu; Salawu Abiola Comprehensive High School; and Nawair-ud-Deen Grammar School, Obantoko. The project was implemented in collaboration with international partners, the Rotary Club of Whitburn and the Rotary Club of Livingston, both in Scotland, United Kingdom.

The event attracted notable personalities, including the Director of AMREC, Prof. Jacob Olaoye; Dr. Olamide Adeosun; former Rotary Club President, Mr. Adewole Oduwole; and Chief Jimoh Lateef (Jimlat), among others. The programme also featured interactive sessions, testimonies from participants, and engaging discussions.